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The Town**
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Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



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This is it! This is our new look. How do you like us now?

This is the third issue that has been offset-printed in Floydada. We finished volume 74 in the same size and format, and this week we have been in the process of developing the new look. We hope you will like it.

We are enjoying preparing the paper for offset printing. It is a lot easier (though more expensive) and a lot cleaner than letterpress. In addition, we are not having to struggle with the old, worn-out equipment that has been causing us so many headaches recently.

Your hometown newspaper is beginning its 75th year with this issue.

HOW GOOD HOME ALWAYS LOOKS!

How good it always is to return to Briscoe County!

Sunday afternoon we returned home after having been "buried" in the snow in Lubbock for a couple of days. We had traveled along I-27 and had seen several cars that had just slid off the snow-packed highway into the deep snow in the median and were stuck. We had passed through Swisher County, where it appeared that the farm-to-market roads were more clear of snow than the state highways, and where we drove without seeing much pavement at all.

Then, as always, how good it was to see the wide black pavement of Highway 86 in Briscoe County, the road that leads to home.

Hats off to our county's highway department for the job they had done that weekend, and for all the long hours they have put in during the past few weeks in an effort to keep Briscoe County's highways safe for those who had to travel. With three highways dropping off the caprock and into the canyons, their job is harder than that of highway departments in many other counties.

Thanks, guys, for giving up so much of your holiday time lately for the rest of us!

INTENTION FILED FOR McWILLIAMS WILDCAT

An intention to drill was filed recently for a new wildcat well on the McWilliams place. The first well drilled on the McWilliams place was apparently progressing on schedule, when some casing got "stuck" and they couldn't get it in or back out.

The new well will be by North American Geotec, Inc. It will be known as the No. 1 Guy McWilliams, and is located 2250 feet from the south and 467 feet from the west line of Section 146, G&M, BS&F survey, nine miles east of Silverton. Permitted depth is to 9500 feet.

The first Guy McWilliams wildcat location was 2200 feet from the south and 467 feet from the east line of Section 146, G&M, BS&F survey, nine miles east of Silverton. Permitted depth of that wildcat was to 9000 feet.



Briscoe County Officials who were sworn in Monday morning were Mildred Reid, Treasurer; Josephine Anderson, Surveyor; Bryant Eddleman, Commissioner, Precinct

4; Dick Taylor, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; Bess McWilliams, County & District Clerk; Paul Albert Ramsey, Commissioner, Precinct 2, and Fred Mercer,

Judge. James Edwards was appointed to serve as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, in a special commissioners meeting that morning, and was sworn in later in the day.

Snow Brings Additional Moisture

Three and one-half inches of snow fell on Silverton, beginning about 5:00 a.m. on New Year's Day. This left behind .28 of an inch of moisture, according to the official records of Fred Strange.

December's moisture amounted to 1.45 inches, bringing the 1982 total to 23.05 inches. This exceeded the annual normal, 20.50, by 2.55 inches.

1982 RAINFALL TOTALS

January	.37
February	.40
March	.94
April	.22
May	6.60
June	7.15
July	2.83
August	1.00
September	.39
October	.20
November	1.50
December	1.45
Total	23.05
Annual Normal	20.50

Commissioners Court Has Special Meeting

Briscoe County Commissioners held a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. Monday, and appointed James Edwards to serve as the Justice of the Peace for Briscoe County Precinct 1.



Prescribed Burning Workshop Is January 6

Last March the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service sponsored a burning workshop. Due to rising costs, range improvement practices have forced stockowners to seek alternatives which are more cost efficient such as a prescribed burn. The increased interest and use of fires carries with it obvious potential hazards and risks that can be greatly reduced when a carefully-designed fire plan or prescription is followed.

There was enough interest last year that another workshop is planned for this year.

The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 6 (today) to start at 9:00 a.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton. Besides a burn study with the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Specialists, there will be programs presented by feed experts on range feeding and management. There will be a morning indoor session and after a

Block Refuses To Give Up On Payment In Kind

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said today that lack of Congressional action on the administration's Payment-In-Kind (PIK) program forces a delay in the program decision.

"We're disappointed that Congress did not give us the legislative clarification that we requested before it adjourned," Block said. "We are encouraged, however, by the significant support we have received for the plan from farmers and most members of Congress."

"Farmers want action, President Reagan wants action and I want action. I refuse to give up on the PIK program. The president has given us his full support as we forge ahead with the steps necessary to lead agriculture out of its current situation."

"We remain convinced the only way to get the higher prices farmers deserve is to take bold, innovative actions to reduce bur-

dense stocks dramatically. PIK offers the ability to accomplish this goal. Obviously the lack of Congressional action complicates our efforts."

"Producers should know, however, that we are working to see if the PIK program can be designed to fit within existing authorities. We'll have an answer on whether we can offer farmers a fully effective, attractive PIK program soon," Block said.

A PIK program would offer commodities to farmers for reducing their planted acreage beyond what is called for in the existing 1983 programs for wheat, corn, grain sorghum, rice and upland cotton.

Farmers who intend to participate in the 1983 programs should continue to sign up for the existing programs at their local USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutsell both continue to receive treatment at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. They are in Room 322.

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barbecue lunch, the afternoon session will be outdoors. Also that afternoon, there is planned a demonstration of a chemical used for fireguard control.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome. For "Prescribed Burn" assistance, contact the Soil Conservation Service at 823-2320.

FARM & RANCH NEWS

Brucellosis-Free Herds Increasing In Texas

The number of certified brucellosis-free herds in Texas at the end of 1982 is almost three times higher than in 1981, Dr. John W. Holcombe, executive director, Texas Animal Health Commission, Austin, reports.

Figures from the TAHC reveal that as of the end of 1982 there are about 600 certified brucellosis-free herds in Texas; this compares with 200 at the end of 1981. "It is likely that some time during the first half

of 1983 Texas could have 1,000 certified brucellosis-free herds," Dr. Holcombe said.

A livestock producer's best assurance for as much free movement of his cattle as possible within Texas or out-of-state is a certified brucellosis-free herd. "Most states accept brucellosis free cattle without additional testing. And we are seeing many other states increasing regulations relating to brucellosis on Texas cattle. Livestock

producers in Texas are realizing a certified brucellosis-free herd is a good management practice," Dr. Holcombe said.

A certified brucellosis-free herd is available for beef cattle producers, both registered and commercial, as well as dairymen.

For beef cattle, a complete herd blood test is needed. This involves two consecutive whole herd negative blood tests of all test-eligible cattle. They must be tested not less than 10 months nor more than 14 months apart.

For dairy cattle, milk ring tests may be used. A minimum of three consecutive negative milk ring tests conducted at not less than 90-day intervals is needed. This is followed by a negative herd blood test conducted within 90 days after the last negative milk ring test.

Complete details may be obtained by contacting any area TAHC office. "Because we are getting so many inquiries about establishing certified brucellosis-free herds, it will take longer than it has in the past to complete the necessary paper work. We still urge any producer interested in a certified brucellosis-free herd to contact his nearest area TAHC office. It's a major step in the Texas brucellosis program," Dr. Holcombe explained.

Michael Lahoud of Fort Worth is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance, his great-grandparents, and other relatives.

Whaley Has New Toll-Free Number

State Representative Foster Whaley of Pampa has announced that a toll-free incoming WATT Line telephone has been installed in his Pampa office. The WATT line will permit any citizen in the 84th Legislative District to call him at no expense to the caller. The TOLL-FREE NUMBER: 1-800-692-1389.

Permission was granted to Whaley to make this installation because of the large 11½ county-district which includes part of the Panhandle, Rolling Plains and South Plains. The district covers north rural Lubbock County and includes Reese AFB, Shallowater, New Deal, Dickens, Floyd, Motley, Briscoe, Hall, Armstrong, Donley, Childress, Collingsworth and Gray. Whaley said the new income

WATT line will mean he can be as accessible to a resident at Reese Air Force base, 200 miles away, as to anyone in Pampa, his home town.

From January 11, 1983, until early June, Representative Whaley will be in Austin for the 68th Legislative session.

Therefore, it is essential that callers let his Pampa secretary know who is calling, their area code, phone number, and the town from which they are calling. Also, advise Whaley's secretary about the nature of the call.

Jean Hogsett, the Pampa secretary, will relay this information to the Austin office if she is unable to get an answer for you.

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Policy Changed In Regard To

Acquisition Of Right-Of-Way

A major policy change in the acquisition of right-of-way for U. S. and State highways has been announced by the State Highways and Public Transportation Commission.

Local levels of government now may request the department to accept initially an amount equal to 10 percent of the cost of needed right-of-way. The department will accept the voluntary contribution and take responsibility for the acquisition of the land.

Previously, local governments were required to purchase the right-of-way and were later reim-

bursed at least 90 percent by the department. Some counties and cities have had difficulty funding the purchase prior to reimbursement, thus delaying needed projects.

Commission Chairman Robert Dedman said the new procedure will take financial pressure off local government and should speed up projects by allowing a more orderly effort in acquiring needed right-of-way.

Dedman emphasized the commission action was offered as an optional alternative to present procedures of right-of-way acquisition.

Mrs. Paul (Earlene) Ledbetter has returned to her home after a lengthy stay in area hospitals. According to her husband, she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFall, Jena and Justin spent Christmas Day with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Delila McFall, in Quitaque. They also spent part of the Christmas holidays visiting in Turkey with Mrs. McFall's mother, Mrs. Chlorene Melton.

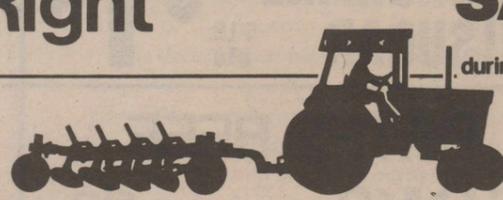
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Senator Bill Sarpalius Reports



STATE SUBSIDY OF FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE

AUSTIN -- Last week we discussed the federal government's All-Risk Crop Insurance program. Legislation which would enable the State of Texas to further reduce insured growers' premium costs for this crop insurance will be introduced in the state legislature this January.

In 1980 Congress authorized, for the first time, the federal government to pay up to 30% of the premium cost to farmers and ranchers insured under the USDA All-Risk Program. The law also authorized any state to further reduce the cost to its agricultural producers by paying an additional portion of the true risk premium cost. The Texas Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, on which I serve as chairman, has drafted just such a bill to allow state subsidy of these premium payments.

The bill provides for the state to make payments equal to the amount that the federal government contributes toward the premium for federal crop insurance. This means that up to 60% of the true risk premium costs would be paid by the state and federal governments. The remaining amount would be paid by the insured producer.

All-Risk Crop Insurance is administered by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and marketed through private insurance firms. Crops are guaranteed against most unavoidable causes of loss. For the 1982 crop year an estimated 1.0 million acres of Texas crops were covered by All-Risk Crop Insurance. Maximum liability on these acres exceeds 200 million dollars.

Ted Crouch, Field Operations Director for USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation in College Station, said "FCIC is very pleased to hear of this innovative effort. I am especially pleased that it is beginning in Texas. We all know, too well, how severely the agricultural sector of our state's economy has suffered recently. During this period, FCIC's capacity to relieve these adverse conditions has been limited in many areas of the state because of low participation. This action being initiated by the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture will almost certainly stimulate greater producer acceptance."

The additional state assistance would make crop

insurance programs more attractive to more farmers. Increased participation helps spread insurance risk and strengthens the crop insurance programs for all farmers involved. Another factor making these programs more attractive is the

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ending of federal disaster aid payments to producers. With the recent federal budget cuts, disaster aid payments to agricultural producers will no longer be available. This puts an end to the millions of dollars of disaster aid that has flowed into Texas over the last few years. The Reagan administration felt that the availability of federal crop insurance removed the need for disaster aid.

We feel that crop insurance is a worthwhile program that deserves the attention of both governmental representative and producers. If we work together to improve this system, the entire nation will surely benefit. We would like to hear your opinions

CUB SCOUTS VISIT

NEWSPAPER OFFICE

Silverton Cub Scouts visited at

on federal crop insurance. Please write Senator Bill Sarpalius, Box 12068, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711.

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the office of the Briscoe County News Tuesday afternoon, and were given a tour of the shop and a demonstration of darkroom work.

They were Jeffrey Grimland, Wil T. Bomar, James Zorger, Zane Henderson, Stan Gamble, Brian Martin, and their Den Mother, Mrs. Paula Bomar.



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Pictured from left to right, front row, are Carrie Ann Grabbe, Katrice Minyard, Stacy Minyard and Aimee Francis; back row, left to right, Mark Malone, Clay Mercer and Ron McCune, winners in the Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-Thon held in the Silverton Element-

tary and Junior High School during the month of November. Winners in the Most Money Collected division were Stacy Minyard, first, \$41.95 collected; Clay Mercer, second, \$32.45 collected; Katrice Minyard, \$21.10 collected. A total of \$252.38 was collected by all the

participants. Winners in the category for Most Books Read were Carrie Ann Grabbe, first, 16 books; Aimee Francis, second, 15 books read; Mark Malone and Ron McCune, tie for third place, 13 books read. A total of 169 books were read by all the participants.

Independent business loses millions through employee theft

COLLEGE STATION — Physicians, dentists, veterinarians and other professionals in business for themselves annually lose millions of dollars to secretaries or receptionists handling office finances, says a Texas A&M University accounting professor.

"Last year an estimated \$500 million was lost by dentists,

physicians and veterinarians through employee theft," says Dr. Carlton Stolle of Texas A&M's College of Business Administration. "An estimated 15 percent will be victimized at some time during their careers."

Stolle said to avert the situation professionals should check potential employees' backgrounds before hiring them. In addition, he said hiring more than one person to take care of office finances might act to keep individuals from temptation.

Vegetable oils not recommended as substitute diesel fuel

COLLEGE STATION — A farmer could pour a bottle of plain vegetable oil into his tractor's diesel fuel tank, but a researcher studying the substitute fuel says he wouldn't recommend it. At least not yet.

"There are several reports in the literature that vegetable oil off the grocery shelf has been used successfully as a substitute for diesel oil for short periods of time," said Dr. Cady Engler of the Texas A&M University Food Protein Research and Development Center. "But we don't know what the long-term effect on the engine will be.

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CANCER ANSWER LINE

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Question: Is the cause of esophageal cancer known?

ANSWERline: It is unknown although certain environmental factors have been linked to it. The disease has been found to occur more frequently among city dwellers than among persons living in rural areas. Smoking cigarettes, cigars and pipes along with the consumption of alcohol have also been linked to esophageal cancer. Case histories have shown that the majority of persons who develop this type of cancer have a history of heavy drinking, heavy smoking or both.

Question: What is Hodgkin's disease and what are its signs?

ANSWERline: It is a cancer of the lymphatic system, and was named after Thomas Hodgkin, an English physician who first described it in 1832. About 56 percent of the cases of Hodgkin's disease occur between the ages of 20-40; less than 10 percent before the age of 10 and less than 10 percent after 60. More than 7,000 Americans develop it each year; about 2,600 die from it annually. The most common first sign of Hodgkin's disease is a swollen lymph gland, usually in the neck, less often in an armpit or the groin. Infection or a disease other than cancer can cause a lymph gland to become enlarged but if the condition lasts three weeks or longer, it should be checked by a physician. Other early signs may include persistent fatigue, back or abdominal pain, weight loss, fever, itching, night sweats, nausea or vomiting. Again, all these signs may be caused by other diseases but should be checked by one's physician.

Question: What are the signs of cancer of the ovary?

ANSWERline: Ovarian cancer is often "silent," showing no obvious signs or symptoms until late in its development. The most common sign is an enlarged abdomen caused by the collection of fluid. Sometimes there is abnormal vaginal bleeding. In women over 40, vague digestive disturbances (stomach discomfort, gas, distension) which persist and cannot be explained by other causes may indicate the need for a thorough checkup for ovarian cancer. These symptoms are, of course, most often no cause for concern. However, what would be a normally enlarged ovary in a premenopausal woman could be cause for concern in a woman after menopause.

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or call M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute's Cancer Information Service, 1-800-392-2040 toll-free in Texas, 792-3245 in the Houston area.

Texas A&M chancellor chairs employer support committee for National Guard and Reserve

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Texas A&M University System Chancellor Arthur C. Hansen is the new chairman of the Texas Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, announced Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

Weinberger's announcement of the appointment of Dr. Hansen cited the continuing need for support of Texas employers on behalf of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve Forces.

"The support of employers is critical to the strength and readiness of the Guard and Reserve," Weinberger said. "Guard and Reserve members' decisions to stay in the Reserve forces are influenced by the possible conflicts between civilian career responsibilities and part-time military duties. Statistics show that employment conflict is one of the major reasons why Guard and Reserve members leave the service."

Dr. Hansen, who served in the Marine Corps Reserve on active duty from 1943 to 1946, underscored the need for a strong citizen-soldier force.

"It is extremely important that the Guard and Reserve remain a strong and viable activity within our defense establishment and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a part of the effort to support this facet of our military," he said.

Dr. Hansen said one of his primary goals will be to help employers realize the importance of the Guard and Reserve and to urge them to let their employee participants take part in training activities.

"It also will be part of my general plan to meet with groups throughout the state in collaboration with leaders in various fields to discuss the Guard and Reserve generally and build even greater support for them," he added.

SOCIETY



MR. AND MRS. EDWIN CRASS

Mr. and Mrs. Crass To be Honored At Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass, 1213 Canyon, Plainview, Texas, will be honored with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at Garland Street Church of Christ, 700 Garland Street in Plainview, on Sunday, January 9, from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. The reception will be hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Their children are Mrs. Jack (Teresa) Sutton of Silverton, Mrs. Jim (Jean) Smith of Dallas, and Bob Crass of Amarillo. They also have seven grandchildren: Mrs. Don (Cynthia) Glenn of Midland, Mrs. Mike (Rhonda) McGinn of Liberty, Melinda Sutton of Lubbock, David Rhea of College Station, Lizabeth Rhea of Philadelphia, Kayla Crass and Kent Crass of Amarillo. They also have three great-grandchildren: Ashley and Holly Glenn and Matthew McGinn.

Mr. Crass and Lorene Strange were married in Silverton and lived in southwestern Briscoe County for 40 years before moving to Plainview. Both came to Briscoe County with their parents at an early age and attended schools in the Silverton area. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Crass and her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Strange. He has one brother, Clinton Crass of Palestine and one sister, Miriam Jowell of Plainview. She has one sister, Ivy Ott of Galveston, and two brothers, Joe Strange of Sulphur Rock, Arkansas and Otis

Strange of Amarillo.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception. No local invitations will be sent. It has been asked that there be no gifts, please.

Brown Family Has Reunion

Beach Lodge at Lake Brownwood State Park was the meeting place for a recent reunion of the four daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Brown and their families.

Many cherished memories and dreams were shared as the group visited, played games and viewed family pictures during their week together.

Attending were Mrs. Clayton Wood and Kelli Lois of Dell City, Tracy Wood, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and Clayton V. of Abilene; Jeanie Harris of San Antonio; Mrs. John Daniels, Melannie and Ginger, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wright and Spencer, Austin.

Attending from Silverton were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hutsell, Robin Turnbow, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Self, Colby and Kaylee, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mercer, Clay and Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Frizzell, Jamie and Casey.

Hosts New Years Family Luncheon

Mrs. Ollie McMinn hosted a New Year's luncheon in her home for 16 guests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and Melanie, and another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shoemake and two sons, Todd and Mathew, all of Amarillo; Mrs. Lottie Owens, Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan, Eural Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson and sons, Wayne and Zane, and the hostess, McMinn.

Dinner consisted of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis McMinn of Lubbock were supposed to have been guests, but Mrs. Linda McMinn's mother died at 5:00 a.m. New Year's morning. Travis called his mother to tell her they could not be here.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnnie Renfro were Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the Brownfield funeral

AS A MAN THINKETH

Gerald Beasley

faultfinding

A couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary was asked reasons for their long and happy marriage.

He said, "I've always tried not to be selfish. After all, there is no 'I' in the word marriage."

She smiled sweetly, "For my part, I have made it a practice never to correct my husband's spelling."

How wise to avoid faultfinding!

Faultfinding is like a comfortable bed—easy to get into but hard to get out of. The constant faultfinder develops an obnoxious personality. Think! To be like him is to enter a vomiting contest with a buzzard.

"Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" "Speak not evil one of another." Be "fervent in

home. She was 64 years old and had been in the Convalescent Home there two years. She leaves her husband, Lawrence Renfro, and four daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Linda McMinn.

MACHINE EMBROIDERY CLASS TO BE TAUGHT

A machine embroidery class is being planned by Michelle Francis and Kathy Frizzell. There will be three lessons. The first will be on machine setting and basic technique. The second lesson will be monograms and appliques. The third lesson will be a project of each student's choice: sweatshirt, towel, shirt, etc. You may take any or all of the classes.

The time and place will be decided by what is most convenient for the most people wanting to take the class.

Call Michelle, 823-2002, or Kathy, 823-2371, to sign up and suggest the best time and place to fit your schedule. If there is enough interest a second class will be planned.

your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins." "Love suffereth long, and is kind . . . doth not behave itself unseemly . . . taketh not account of evil."

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CYNTHIA EDWARDS

TRENT FINCK

Couple To Marry At Home

Saturday, March 12

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Trent Neal Finck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Finck of Tulia. Vows will be exchanged on March 12, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Edwards is presently at-

tending West Texas State University where she is pursuing a degree in marketing. Her fiance is a recent graduate of Texas Tech University with a B.S. degree in agriculture economics.

The couple plans to make their home in Tulia where he is engaged in farming.

Square Dance Lessons

To Begin Here Monday

Anyone interested in square dance lessons should meet Monday night at the Community Center

building at 8:00 p.m. The caller and teacher will be Johnny Gillenwater from Tulia. Lessons will take place

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Shower Honors Miss Smith

Miss Colleen Smith, bride-elect of Wayne Reed, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. December 11 at the First State Bank Pioneer Room.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Sharon Simpson and presented to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Adelle Smith, and to the step-mother of the prospective bridegroom, Mrs. Roy Reed.

The refreshment table was covered with an ecru lace-edged cloth. The centerpiece was a live green plant interspersed with rust-colored daisies. Serving coffee and spiced tea, cookies, cheese wheels, sausage balls and cinnamon rolls were Mrs. Liz Griffin and Mrs. Susan Pool.

Out-of-town guests included the sister of the bride-elect, Judy Smith; Icy Barnscheir, Eagle River, Alaska; Kay White, Bogata, Columbia; Dona, D'Anna, Devona and Janelle Smith, all of Quitaque.

The hostess gift was a pressure cooker and a mixer.

Registering guests was Mrs. Simpson. Assisting Mrs. Simpson as hostesses were Mmes. Mary Brown, Liz Griffin, Joan Roehr, Mary Tom Burson, Pat McJimsey, Ada Clay, LaQuetta Schott, Glenna Cornett, Bobbye Bean, Shirley Durham, Lois Ziegler, Polly Jarrett, Rose Mary Perkins, Norma Payne, Vaughnell Brannon, Mary Jane Patton and Peggy Rowell.

MORE NAMES RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR GREETING PAGE

More names which were received too late for the Christmas greeting page were those of Eudean, Virgil and Gary Crow, Kathy, Alvin, Sarah and Katie May.

These also have donated to the fund for the purchase of the new ambulance in lieu of sending Christmas cards locally, and extend their holiday greetings to you in this way.

Mr. and Mrs. Estelle Thomas, Juannah Sue and Melissa Woods spent most of last week in Wichita, Kansas with Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas, Jeff and Amy.

The Randall Eddlemans visited in the Murry Morrison home in Quitaque during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Ziegler and Trey visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peery, in Turkey during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Peery and the Zieglers spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peery and family at Bowie.

every Monday night at 8:00 p.m. for 18 weeks. Cost will be \$25.00 per couple plus a contribution for building rental and lights.

If enough people are interested, a second class could be formed on Thursday nights. Lessons taught on Thursdays would be identical to those taught on Monday nights. If you are interested in starting a separate Thursday night class, let us know at the meeting Monday night.

For additional information contact John or Michele Crowell.



MRS. JOEL GAMBLE

Cobb-Gamble Vows

Exchanged December 4

Carol Cobb and Joel Gamble were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony Saturday afternoon, December 4, at the Vigo Park Methodist Church. The Rev. Roland Moore performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cobb of Vigo Park. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble of Tulia.

Stanna Cobb, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Donald Dunn, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as best man.

A reception followed in the

Fellowship Hall where a three-tiered cake and punch were served by Mrs. Donald Dunn and Stanna Cobb.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of Silverton High School, and attended West Texas State University and Amarillo College.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of Tulia High School and TSTI in Amarillo. He is employed by the Huber Corporation in Borger, where the couple is making their home.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cobb of Tulia.

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The 5-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax before the Senate last week was billed as a way to rebuild our decaying highways and bridges, create new jobs and help mass transit. While these are indeed worthy goals, the bill in my view, unfortunately will be detrimental to Texas interests.

For example, some estimates indicate that only 60 cents out of every dollar will go toward much-needed repair of highways and bridges, with the rest spent on new construction.

Secondly, the highly regarded Council of Economic Advisors estimates that some 340,000 jobs will be lost from the economy because people will have less money to spend in the private sector. The gas tax is expected to create only 320,000 new jobs.

The mass transit provisions were improved when the bill was amended to include my proposal to allow these funds to be used for new systems in growth areas -- including Dallas and Houston -- as well as for repair of existing systems.

Thus, the gas tax does not accomplish the major goals put forth by its proponents. Instead, it is yet another tax on the already over-burdened taxpayer. It will fall most heavily on the poor, who spend a larger proportion of their income on gasoline than those in higher income groups. And it will hit rural areas particularly severely. Farmers, already enmeshed in economic difficulties of crisis proportion, will be hit yet again with an uncontrollable cost which they will not be able to recover in the current depressed farm market.

Furthermore, Texas will lose money on the tax. Since the creation of the federal Highway Trust Fund in 1956, Texas has paid \$2 billion more in taxes than it has realized in highway projects. In 1981, we received only 83 percent of the money that we paid into the trust fund. That was the lowest ratio in the country. As a result, we lost \$90 million in that year alone.

Much has been made of a change in the bill to guarantee states they will receive 85 percent of the money they pay into the system. However, in view of the losses we incurred in past years with only a slightly lower return ratio, I am less than overwhelmed by this concession on the part of the bill's backers.

Finally, the gasoline tax will contribute to inflation because so many of the products we use are transported by truck. The additional tax on fuel will add to the cost of all of these items.

Agriculture leaders seek funds for scholarships at A&M

COLLEGE STATION — Agriculture and business leaders from throughout Texas are seeking millions of dollars to establish new scholarship programs and research facilities at Texas A&M University's College of Agriculture.

Members of the college's Agricultural Development Council have decided to begin a statewide program to recruit donors to establish two scholarship programs with endowments of \$25,000 and \$15,000 each.

The council is also looking at the possibilities of establishing a beef cattle research facility at a cost of \$2.4 million that would be built largely through private contributions and another facility for research focusing on issues and policies important to Texas agriculture.

The Agricultural Development Council was formed more than a year ago to strengthen the college's graduate, undergraduate and research pro-

grams and to advise college officials on issues of concern to the agricultural community. Among the objectives for its 60 members are to attract financial resources to enrich educational programs and to improve cooperation and understanding between the university and agriculturalists from throughout the state.

Aggie profs author guide-book on succeeding in college

COLLEGE STATION — College students make more bad grades because of family and personal problems than lack of ability, says the co-author of a book on how-to-succeed-in-college.

Dr. Rod O'Connor, professor of chemistry and director of Texas A&M University's first-year chemistry program, says the failure rate of college students could be cut dramatically if such problems could be resolved so they wouldn't "mess up grades."

"I've seen more F's because the students are too tired, in the

Entomologist says ultrasonic devices don't control pests

COLLEGE STATION — They can bleep until their beepers run out, but ultrasonic devices sold to control roaches, mice, bats and a variety of other household pests are useless,

midst of a girlfriend/boyfriend fight, their parents are getting a divorce or they just aren't eating right," O'Connor said.

After years of teaching freshmen, O'Connor and fellow chemist Dr. Tom Taylor have formalized the book titled "Toward Success in College." The book began about 10 years ago as a pamphlet designed to help incoming students. It is currently being marketed nationally by Burgess Publishing of Minneapolis, Minn.

says a Texas A&M University System entomologist.

"There are over a dozen types of the units on the market today coming in all different sizes and costing anywhere from \$70 to \$700 each," says Harry Howell, a research associate with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

A number of experiments have been conducted on the ultrasonic devices at Texas A&M University where the experiment station is located, said Howell, and none has shown any potential for pest control. He said Texas A&M experiments aren't the only ones to show the units don't work.

Similar tests conducted by researchers at the University of California at Riverside and at the University of Nebraska have also ended with poor results. The Denver Wildlife Research Institute did studies on

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet spent the New Year's weekend in Lubbock visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sarchet, Brandon and Jordan. Friday night they attended a chip 'n' dip and snacks family party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Cruce. Others attending were Cynthia Cruce, Mrs. Elizabeth Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sarchet, John and Paul, Mrs. Johnny Robison, Casey and Corey, Haley and Tanner Cruce, Mrs. Willie Belle Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seaberg, Alaina and Jay.

Saturday, the group was to have enjoyed a family lunch in the Cruce home, but due to the nine or ten inches of new snow that fell Friday night on the four inches of snow they already had on the ground, the Charles and Ken Sarchet families were unable to attend.

rats and didn't get any control, Howell said.

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While the oysters is a nutritious food, it also is highly perishable and may produce illness if mishandled or taken from

polluted coastal waters, reports the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Several instances of illness resulting from the so-called "bootleg oysters" sold by peddlers have been investigated in recent years, says Neil B. Travis, Director of the TDH Shellfish Sanitation Control Division. "However," said Travis, "we have not had any illnesses traceable to oysters harvested from approved waters to my knowledge."

The Shellfish Sanitation Control Division, a national leader in the field, maintains

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a continuous evaluation of shellfish growing areas along the Texas coast. Waters suitable for safe, edible products are designated by the TDH, and some 20,000 shellfish classification maps are provided commercial fishermen and individuals annually.

To give oyster lovers a further sense of security, the TDH certifies oyster and crab meat processors which meet its critical standards and regularly inspects their plants. Approved proces-

sors are given a certification number, such as Tex-123. Consumers should look for a certification number and the name of the plant on the container when making purchases. Without such a number, it may be impossible to trace the source or establish the safety of the food product.

The oyster is an immobile creature and depends for its existence on nutrients from the water which surrounds it. "It pumps large amounts of water through its system and filters out food particles," explains Richard E. Thompson, chief sanitarian with the shellfish program. "Unfortunately, it also filters out and concentrates bacteria, chemicals, heavy metals, and other contaminants present in the water."

[For further information, contact: Richard E. Thompson, Shellfish Sanitation Control Division, Texas Department of Health, 1100 W. 49th St., Austin 78756. Tel 512/458-7510]

Hightower Votes Against Pay Raise

Continuing his long-standing opposition to congressional pay and benefit increases, Rep. Jack Hightower this week voted against a proposed 27% pay raise and to deny any raise at all from current levels. Earlier in December, Hightower urged his House colleagues in a floor speech to totally reject any pay increase saying such a raise would be "completely unconscionable."

On December 14, the House voted on two sequential amendments relating to a pay raise. Hightower had called for record votes on all such measures, and warned that without direct congressional action, Congress could receive a possible 27% raise and cut it by almost half back to no more than 15%. Hightower voted for the amendment and to deny the full 27% raise. On this vote, members opposed to the pay raise completely did not have an opportunity to vote 'no' on a 15% raise. As presented, the amendment passed 303-109.

The second vote was taken on an amendment by Rep. Bob Traxler (D-Mich.) to deny a raise completely and restore the cap at current levels. Hightower voted for this amendment, also. The motion failed, however, on a tie vote of 208-208. Accordingly, House and Senate pay levels may rise approximately \$9,100 from \$60,662.50 to \$69,800 if the Senate approves the same legislation and it is signed by the President. The Administration has not indicated any opposition to the proposed congressional pay raise as was the case in 1981.

In a third and final vote on the overall Continuing Resolution containing the pay raise and other provisions, Hightower voted no.

"This is a time when Congress ought to bite the bullet, do what's right, and deny itself a raise," Hightower said. "While there are some members with large families who are legitimately having a hard time meeting expenses, so are a lot of other Americans. Congress should be setting a good example, not a selfish one."

Congress has denied itself a pay increase for five years while approving annual cost-of-living increases for federal workers. There has been mounting pressure for pay and benefit changes culminating in recent attempts last year and this year to approve higher levels. Hightower opposed those efforts also and has voted against such proposals every year since 1977.



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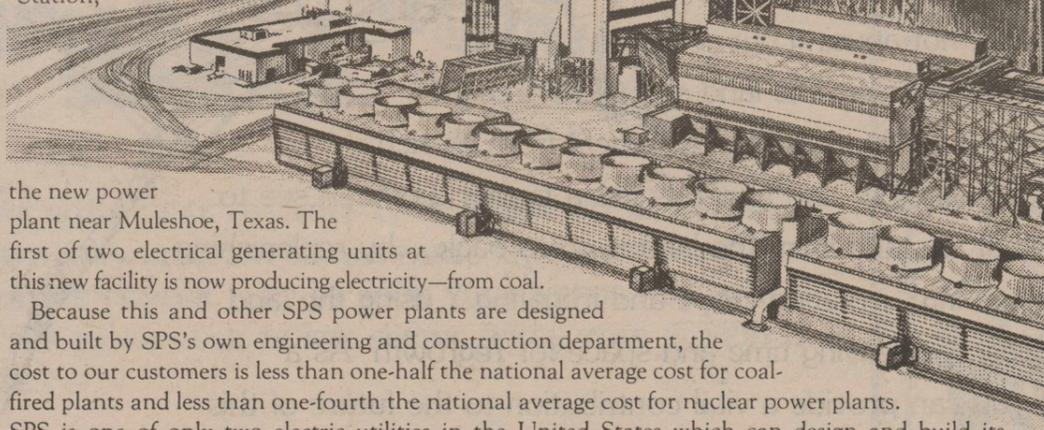
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National Young Farmer Educational Institute Held In San Antonio

The 16th National Young Farmer Educational Institute was held in San Antonio December 12-16. Twenty-six states were represented at the opening ceremony during the Elanco Spokesperson for Agriculture banquet.

The tours and programs were both educational and entertaining. Some of the tours were to A. P. Breitschopf & Sons, Cannonade Ranch Inc., S. R. Lester, Jr. & Sons, Rickey and Bryon, Harrell Cattle Company, 74 Ranch, San Jose Cattle Company and LJ Bar Ranch. All of these were some of the leading poultry and beef cattle operations. Tours were also taken to Fredericksburg, Hondo and New Braunfels.

One of the most interesting tours taken by the Stephens was to New Braunfels to Mission Valley West Point Pepperell, Apparel Division, which is a complete cotton process plant. This mill starts with the baled cotton, then transforms those fibers into yards of beautiful cloth. It takes several days just from bale to thread. Then progresses on to dyeing, weaving and finishing; then the material is bolted (12 yards per bolt) for wholesale. (This mill produces and ships twenty million yards of cloth a year. Their customers vary from westernwear manufacturers to fine shirting material.

Guest speakers for the three banquets were Joe Griffith, James "Doc" Blakely, Charles W. Jarvis, DDS, and Grant Teaff spoke at one of the breakfast buffets.

On Thursday morning there was a ladies breakfast and western style show while the men's continental breakfast was held with a panel of "Your Image as a Young Farmer."

The theme for the institute was "Turning Point". Never before in the history of this country has there been such a need for a turning point in our methods, attitudes and ideas. Tomorrow's future depends on it!

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The next institute will be held in Virginia in November 1983 and Wyoming will host the 1984 institute.

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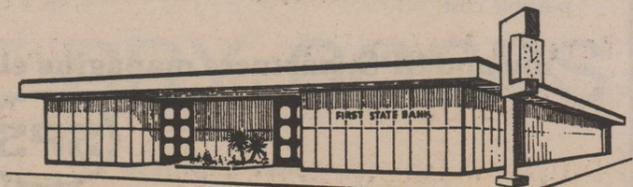


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Task force to study conservation of Texas water supply

COLLEGE STATION — A statewide urban water conservation task force has been created to consider methods for conserving dwindling water supplies that could change the appearance of lawns, golf courses, commercial landscapes and city parks.

The changes are necessary because of a serious water scarcity throughout the state, officials said. The task force was created by the Texas Water Resources Institute located at Texas A&M University.

Among its actions, the group is considering using native plants or importing plants that would use much less water than popular ornamental plants.

"We can maintain our quality of life while at the same time conserving a tremendous amount of water," said Dr. Al Turgeon, director of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas and leader of the task force.

"We're just beginning to explore the opportunities for bringing about a more efficient use of water on our lawns," he said. Texans need to be aware that there's a lack of water and that the expected growth will put a severe strain on our water resources."

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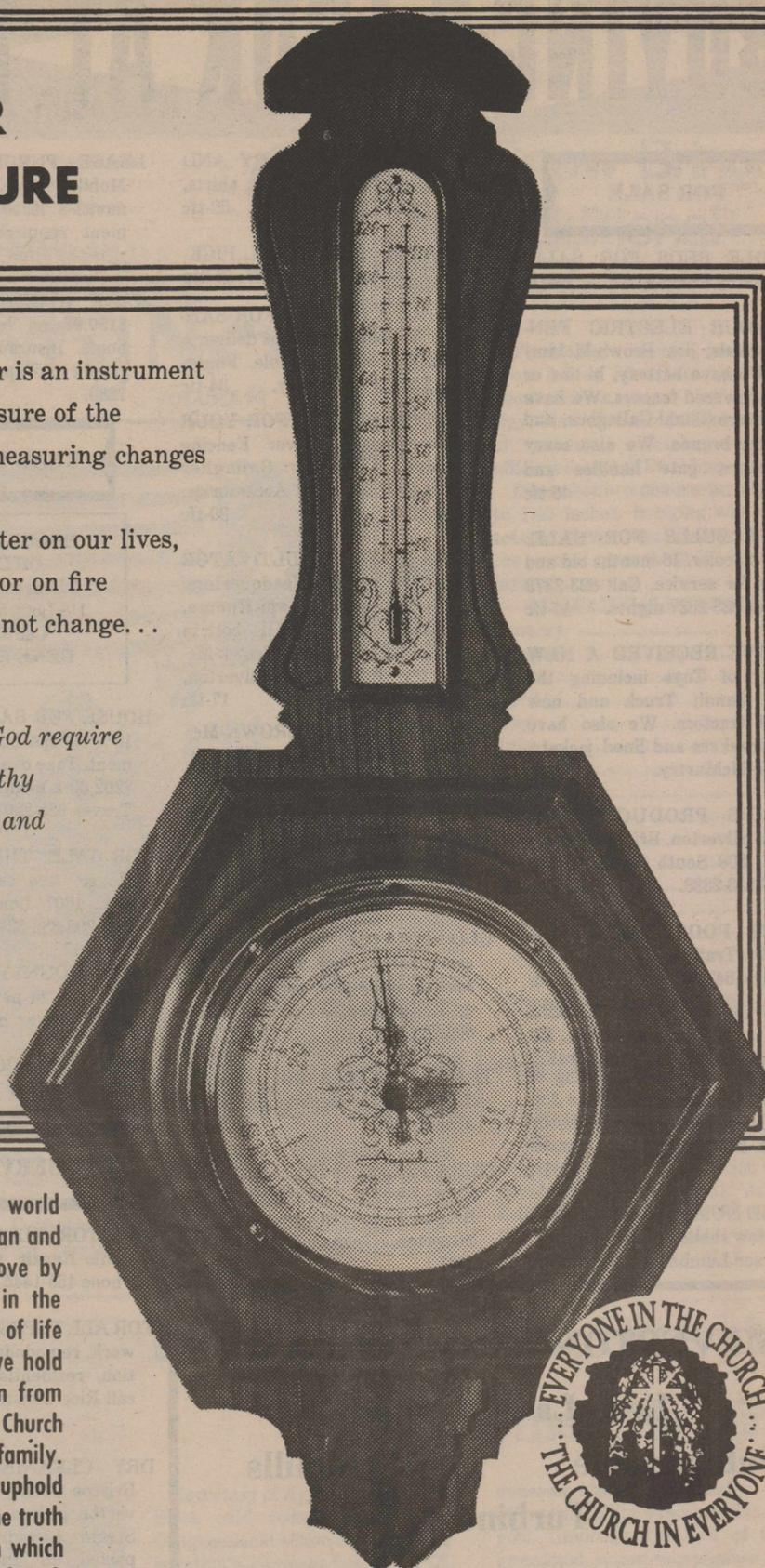
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Until now, we had never realized just how fortunate our community is to have such a capable volunteer ambulance crew. We sincerely appreciate their quick action and expertise in emergency situations such as ours.

Especially, we will always be thankful for each prayer offered in Ross' and our behalf. We know that each prayer had a special part in our Christmas blessing. We hope that you will continue to remember us in your prayers during Ross' continued improvement.

It is our prayer that each of you will receive a special blessing for the love that you have shown to our family.

The Dewey Estes'
The Jack Estes'
The Van Barbour's

We would like to express our many thanks and appreciation to those of you who sent cards, phoned, sent flowers, food and came to visit while Charles (Mule) was in the hospital and since he has been home.

A special thanks to Betty Long, James and Lavelle Henderson, Joe and Ruby McWaters and Riley and Lois Ziegler for helping sit up with him.

Thanks also to those of you who came and took him to the coffee shop and for bringing him home.

Thanks to Jerry Patton for bringing him home from the hospital.

God bless each of you.

Charles (Mule) and Mary Grantham

Words are inadequate to express our thanks to the members of the Silvertown Fire Department and Ambulance Service for their aid and services rendered following the accident in which Max was involved. How fortunate we are to have such dedicated and professional members within our community.

We also wish to express our gratitude for the thoughtfulness and concern shown through the many phone calls, visits, food, cards, flowers and plants received from our friends within the community.

Sincerely,
Max, Carol and Mary Davis

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all our friends while I was in the hospitals and since I came home. For the calls, visits, food and, especially, we thank Lottie, Dwain and Shirley for bringing our Thanksgiving dinner to us, and a special thanks to our friends in Lubbock who were so thoughtful and kind, and most of all we thank you for your prayers.

May God bless each of you.

Paul and Earlene Ledbetter

On behalf of the Silvertown Volunteer Fire Department, I would like to thank the First State Bank of Silvertown for its generous gift. This will help make it possible for your fire department to perform its service with the best training and equipment possible.

Jerry Patton
President

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